GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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FISH IMPORT
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of resistance among the fishermen against the import of fish to the Indian fish market;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether any representation has been received against such import;

(d) if so, action taken thereupon;

(e) whether any step has been taken/proposed to protect the Indian fishermen community from the impact of fish imports; and

(f) if so, the details thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Government is aware of the domestic concerns on import of fish into India.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) to (f): Fish imports into the country is not very significant and is mainly for the purpose of processing for re-export with value addition and this would not have impact on the domestic market. Further, small quantities of fish are also being imported by the hotel sector, particularly, of species and products that are not available in the country and this meant to cater to the needs of the tourists. It has been ensured that while finalizing Preferential Trade Agreement, adequate care for granting tariff concessions relating to fish and fishery products are taken so that such concessions do not have impact on the domestic market.